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**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended; claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-10, 13, 14, and 17 have been canceled; and new claim 18 has been added. Accordingly, claims 1 and 18 are pending in the present application, and Applicant believes the same are in condition for allowance. To expedite further prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any concerns or questions at the telephone/facsimile numbers provided.

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